

Dear Sir or Madam:

XM Satellite Radio broadcasts local weather and traffic conditions on some of its channels. This practice is being opposed by the direct broadcast industry.

It is important that weather and traffic information be carried by XM Satellite Radio. For example, as one travels across the country, there is a need to "look ahead" at local conditions in urban areas before reaching the direct broadcast coverage area. Important information such as local flooding, roads blocked due to accidents or construction, and other road hazards allow travelers to plan ahead to bypass areas which may present safety and other hazardous situations.

Please do not allow direct broadcast radio lobbyists to interfere with the safety and convenience of travelers.

Thank You,  
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